

## NYPTA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2017-18 STATE BUDGET

### For Upstate and Downstate Transit Systems Other Than MTA

The New York Public Transit Association (NYPTA), which represents more than 100 transit systems and millions of daily riders across New York State, recommends that the final 2017-18 state budget provide an increase in transit operating and capital funding to a level that would allow our transit systems to continue to provide reliable service that supports local communities and economic growth, as follows:

#### TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE:

**NYPTA Recommendation:** Add \$10 million to the Executive Budget (\$4 million for upstate and \$6 million for downstate), in order to provide a 2% across the board increase.

Executive Budget: Provides \$508.4 m.; \$200.6 m. upstate and \$307.8 m. downstate

Senate Budget: Adds \$10 m. and \$1.3m local matching to Executive Budget; \$4.5 m. upstate and \$6.8 m. downstate

Assembly Budget: Adds \$6 m. to Executive Budget; \$3 m. upstate and \$3 m. downstate

#### RURAL TRANSIT AID:

**NYPTA Recommendation:** Add \$5 million in general fund assistance in the transportation budget directed to upstate rural transit systems impacted by the loss of Medicaid reimbursement and require NYSDOT to develop an equitable distribution.

Executive Budget: No specified funding

Senate Budget: Adds \$5 m. in Department of Transportation funding to Executive Budget

Assembly Budget: Adds \$4 m. in Department of Health funding to Executive Budget

#### TRANSIT CAPITAL AID:

**NYPTA Recommendation:** Add \$90 million to the Executive Budget level of transit capital funding for transit systems other than the MTA, and provide flexibility to allow use of these additional funds to offset local capital match requirements.

Executive Budget: Provides \$84.5 m. for transit systems other than the MTA

Senate Budget: Adds \$91.2 m. to Executive Budget

Assembly Budget: Adds \$30 m. to Executive Budget

#### BUDGET LEGISLATION:

- Enact S. 3931/A. 4733, a bill that revises and activates the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Rural Public Transportation.